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clential efficiency given off by the offensive matter there deposited. The new Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui now approaching completion, the Observatory in course of erection on Mount Elgin, the New Hospital and the Lunatic Asylum about to be erected, and the new Central School are among the works now engaging the time, energies, and skill of the Survey Department. In addition to all these buildings and works, a new Central Market has been decided upon, and various schemes for the improvement of the sanitation of the Colony are under consideration. The activity of the Survey Department is really enormous, and the amount of work put through by it is immense. The roads and streets have lately received a great deal of attention, and most of them are now in excellent order. A new Gaol has also been ordered by the Secretary of State, but we trust that Sir George Bowen will be able to save us from the unnecessary expense such a structure must entail. The works at present in hand and projected will consume not only all Sir John Pore Hennessy's carefully hoarded surplus but will, if carried out properly, necessitate the raising of a loan. We see no reason why this should not be incurred, but there should be no needless outlay on unnecessary works, and we hope that in all the proposed new works due regard to economy will be paid. The unproductive works should be deferred as long as is consistent with the well-being of the Colony, while those which may be expected to lead to expansion of the revenue should be pushed on. For this reason we hope that no time may be lost in pushing forward the negotiations with the Admiralty and War Department relative to the scheme for extending the Praya continuously past their property. Of course the local Government will have to make some compensation, especially in connection with the Naval Yard, as provision would have to be made for a dock to receive the gun-boats and place them under the shears. But no great difficulty need be anticipated, we think; the importance to the Colony of having an unbroken Praya must be apparent to all, and neither the Military nor the Naval Authorities are likely to prove a thorn in the path to the realization of so desirable an object. The programme so auspiciously commenced may, we trust, be fully carried out during the administration of Sir George Bowen, whose motto is evidently "deeds not words," in striking contradistinction to the policy of his predecessor, who was a man of great promises and little fulfilment.

The delivery of the American mail was begun at 8.45 yesterday morning.

The O. & C. steamship *Coptic*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco for this port on the 21st instant.

The Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tanahmire* left Port Darwin on the 6th, and is due here on the 10th inst.

Intelligence has reached the *Daily Press* from a Japanese native paper published at Hioy from Yokohama, that the Chinese man-of-war *Yung King* is on a voyage of discovery to the island of Formosa as a place of banishment for Chinese rebels and anti-foreigners, and took on board between three and four thousand of the exiles.

The *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* says that lately *Chinamen* have been using the sailing business in Hongkong, and seem to be very successful. If they make sailing pay as they undoubtedly will, the market will be kept supplied in the future better than it has been in the past.

In the Chinese quarter of Honolulu, the port of the *Yung King* in Kona, an exiled man, his laborers have been ordered to exclaim against his being opened to foreign commerce, the advantages of which they are beginning to realize. The Chinese man-of-war *Yung King* is in the vicinity, he placed at the disposal of the Japanese and American Ministers on their way to and from the capital.

The Chinese always has an excuse ready. A revenue officer at San Francisco arrested a Chinaman on the street with untanned cigars in possession. The Chinaman set up the excuse that he was a doctor and used the cigars to one of his patients for medicinal purposes and was on his way to deliver them. This excuse failed, however, more the Chinaman was fined \$100 and was taken on a charge of violating the Internal Revenue Law.

The Chinese in California are sufficiently independent, apparently, to be able to go out on strike. When the mail left the Chinese employed in connection with the railway at Redding were out on strike. A dispatch in the *San Francisco paper* says: "The strikers were very independent, as they say they can go to work in the mines if this company don't want them." The strike among the Chinese shows that the Chinese are slowly becoming independent of the laborers. In most cases, according to the terms of the "bounty."

A telegram in the American papers dated Paris, 30th June, reads: "The National Assembly has addressed to France a note in which it expressed the hope that a friendly settlement of the Sino-French difficulties may be effected." Under the heading of "Signs of peace," the following telegram, dated 27th July, is also given: "Orders have been received from the Chinese Government to stop the use of military force and the preparation of provisions for the new Chinese frontier, which was constructed here. The order for the sailing of the vessel for China has been countermanded. The news previously received was that the German Government, in view of the possible outbreak of hostilities between France and China, had refused to allow a crew from the German navy to navigate the coast of China and efforts were being made to enlist a crew of merchant seamen."

The American mail brings news of the death of Mr. W. M. Barrow, of Dublin, a prominent young man, seventeen years old, the son of Mr. W. M. Barrow, late of Hongkong. We learn from the *South China Press* (Canton) that he was studying privately at South China University for entrance to Harvard College. A pistol shot was heard from his room on the night of the 18th June, and he was found lying on the floor and taken to the hospital. He had been holding the pistol in his right hand. As he had lately been practicing a good deal with a revolver, the shot is supposed to have been accidental, and the doctor who was called in says he is sure it was, that he had self-detracted him by the pistol in his hand. He had been practicing a good deal with a revolver, the shot is supposed to have been accidental, and the doctor who was called in says he is sure it was, that he had self-detracted him by the pistol in his hand. He had been practicing a good deal with a revolver, the shot is supposed to have been accidental, and the doctor who was called in says he is sure it was, that he had self-detracted him by the pistol in his hand.

Two coolies were brought before the Police Court yesterday charged with larceny. They were employed at the Tung Ki shop, which usually paid its employees by means of a check, and the check was presented at a money changer's shop in East-End. They recently obtained various sums of money upon a number of checks which were now stated to be forged, but the shop of the money changer would not accept them as a receipt. It would be seen that the stamps were counterfeit. The case stands remanded.

Yesterday P. O. Cookson and his wife were taken to the Civil Hospital suffering from severe illness, and their malady, in the opinion of the Superintendent, was choleraic. It being considered advisable to take further action, Dr. Cookson, Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, R.N., was consulted. We understand that Dr. Gordon does not consider the case to be true cases of cholera of the epidemic and infectious form. The statement of the Police Officer who took the case to the Civil Hospital has been attached to No. 4 Station at Wanchai, but in consequence of that station having been condemned, he has been living with his wife in a private house near by for some time. We report that he was taken to the Civil Hospital, and the doctor who attended him was Dr. Gordon. The case was remanded for the 24th inst.

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